



WA Elections Weekly

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Unqualified Candidates

We've received several questions about candidates who may not be qualified to serve. RCWs [29A.68.011](#) and [29A.68.013](#) have provisions for such candidates following candidate filing.

The timeline for primary candidates is very tight (two days). For general election candidates there may be a little extra time. If a question is asked about a possible unqualified candidate, we suggest you immediately tell the inquirer that the two RCWs exist, that the timelines are very tight, and that they should consult with an attorney to determine if/how the RCWs apply.

L&A Scheduling

The C&T staff will be attending the L&A test in counties who are either being reviewed in the Primary or have state legislative offices on the ballot. Any other counties with a Primary are not required to have a state official attend their L&A test.

Legislation Update

At the end of this year's legislative session, a number of bills passed that affect election administration. While all have an elections component, please note three bills in particular:

- [EHB 1507](#) expands information required in reconciliation reports - look for more information in the coming weeks.
- [SB 5336](#) designates ballot box vandalism as a felony.
- [SSB 5472](#) requires ballot drop boxes in every city, town, or census designated area with Post Office as well as a box for every 15,000 active registered voters in your county. Please see [Clearinghouse #17-01](#) for more information.

Other bills that may affect election administration:

- [SHB 1344](#) Extending the period for which a bond levy may be increased
- [SHB 1467](#) Removing disincentives from RFAs
- [SHB 2106](#) Election year restrictions on state legislators
- [ESB 5008](#) Compliance with Federal REAL ID
- [SSB 5138](#) Metropolitan park districts
- [SB 5187](#) Concerning county auditors
- [SSB 5235](#) Withdrawing territory from a cemetery district
- [SB 5261](#) Irrigation district authority
- [SB 5454](#) Fire protection district annexations and mergers
- [ESSB 5628](#) City/town fire protection district formation

Get Out the Disability Vote Week Discussion Tomorrow

May 25, 2017 at 10:00 am: Please join us to discuss Get out the Disability Vote Week. The date has changed to coincide with the National Disability Voter Registration Week, July 17- 21. We'll be discussing PSAs that TVW will help us create! Please contact [Marlene White](#) for call-in information.

We're Hiring!

The Office of the Secretary of State is looking for a [Program Specialist 4](#) for our Certification and Training program. You can read the complete position description and submit an application at the link above. The position will remain open until filled, so don't wait - apply today!

Voting Equipment Available

Pierce County is replacing their tabulation system and has some used Dominion/Sequoia equipment to sell. Here is a [complete list](#) of the items available. If you're interested, please contact [Damon Townsend](#) (253-798-2146) by June 9.

Basecamp | Storage Solutions Project

Last chance! Nearly 40 people use this project and more than 30 photos have been shared. If you'd like to share or download ideas before the project ends, simply request an [invitation](#). Can't recall if you've been invited already? Just [sign in](#) to Basecamp and view all the projects to which you've been invited.

This particular project closes **June 1**. After that, we'll open a [new project](#) to share your great ideas and best practices.



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